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UNITED STATES.

REPORTS TO THE SURGEON-GENERAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McCoy reports:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened January 30, 1908. Last plague-infected rat was trapped October 23, 1908. Total number of plague-infected rats found to date, 398.

Week ended January 8, 1910. Premises inspected, 988. Houses destroyed, 8. Buildings condemned, 6. Nuisances abated, 167. Poisons placed, 8,270. Rats trapped, 1,949. Rats found dead, 16. Rats identified, 1,965, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,368; *Mus rattus*, 99; *Mus musculus*, 424; *Mus alexandrimus*, 74. Rats examined bacteriologically, 1,419. No plague-infected rats were found.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague sickened October 26, 1909. Last plague-infected rodent was found December 1, 1908.

Week ended January 1, 1910. Rats found dead, 11. Rats trapped, 548. Rats identified, 558, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 492; *Mus musculus*, 66. Rats examined bacteriologically, 492. No plague-infected rat found.

Week ended January 8. Rats found dead, 13. Rats trapped, 645. Rats identified, 658, as follows: *Mus norvegicus*, 572; *Mus rattus*, 1; *Mus musculus*, 85. Rats examined bacteriologically, 573. No plague-infected rat found.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover reports:

SEATTLE, WASH.

No case of human plague since October 30, 1907. The last plague-infected rat was found September 26, 1908. Total plague-infected rats found to date, 21.

Assistant Surgeon Chapin reports, January 7, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Glover:

Work resumed December 15, 1909. Total number of rats received from December 15 to 31, 2,342. Rats necropsied, 2,100. No plague-infected rat was found.

During the time the laboratory was building, from August 25 to December 15, 1909, 22,344 rats were received and destroyed without examination.